

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 510

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tracy D. Solomon of Greene County upon winning the SBA Small Business Person of the Year Award for the State of Tennessee and the SBA Subcontractor of the Year Award for Region IV in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize those estimable citizens who bring honor to this State through their professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Tracy D. Solomon of Greene County is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the founder, president, and chief executive officer of TEVET, LLC, headquartered in Greeneville, Tracy Solomon received the SBA Small Business Person of the Year Award for the State of Tennessee in 2014 and the SBA Subcontractor of the Year Award for Region IV in the State of Tennessee in 2015; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings in Mr. Solomon's basement in 2004, the company TEVET has grown to produce more than \$100 million dollars in revenue in 2015; and

WHEREAS, with twenty employees and locations in six states, TEVET, LLC, is a value-added, customer-centric reseller providing electronic test and measurement equipment to the federal government, including all branches of the armed forces and leading prime contractors; and

WHEREAS, before launching TEVET, LLC, Tracy Solomon served as manager of installation logistics at Alcatel-Lucent, during which time he first considered the concept of providing a resource that was a true value add to the federal government and prime contractors; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of TEVET, Mr. Solomon has received a host of awards and accolades for his thriving business, including Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Quality Award, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Excellence Award, Raytheon Company 4 Star Excellence Award, Department of Defense Nunn Perry Award, and HUBZone Corporate Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, additionally, TEVET has been honored as the Lockheed Martin Veteran Supplier of the Year, Lockheed Martin Electronic Systems STAR Supplier of the Year, Department of Energy Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Supplier of the Year, and the National Defense Industrial Association Kathleen P. Sridhar Small Business Executive of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Solomon is a valuable member of his profession, and he lends his considerable skills and talents to a number of professional organizations, including the National Defense Industrial Association, Aerospace Industries Association, HUBZone Contractors National Council, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Tennessee Veterans Business Association, National Veterans Small Business Coalition, National Veteran Owned Business Association, and Greene County Partnership; and

WHEREAS, a service-disabled veteran with six years of distinguished Naval service, Mr. Solomon actively works within his community to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens and dedicates much of his time to worthy organizations within Greeneville and Greene County, such as the Tusculum College soccer team, Greeneville High School JROTC, Main Street Greeneville, Capitol Theatre of Greeneville, Susan D. Crum Foundation, and Laughlin Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, other deserving organizations to which he contributes his time include the Wounded Warrior Project, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Niswonger Children's Hospital, Holston Home for Children, and the Kerbela Shriners; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Solomon is appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Patty; and

WHEREAS, a fifth-generation Tennessean, Tracy Solomon is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be recognized upon his latest achievements and for his many contributions to his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Tracy D. Solomon upon receiving the SBA Small Business Person of the Year Award for the State of Tennessee and the SBA Subcontractor of the Year Award for Region IV in the State of Tennessee, as we extend to him our warmest thanks for his service as a civic leader in Greene County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.